

FULMER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING NOTES - MARCH 19, 2008



On March 19, 2008 the City of Auburn Mayor and City staff met with neighbors of Fulmer Park at the Auburn School District Administration Building regarding: speeding, graffiti, crime and how to qualify for a neighborhood grant.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR LEWIS, CHIEF KELLY, ANDY GOULD, SGT. WILLIAMS, DUANNA RICHARDS, KIRSTEN REYNOLDS, MICHAEL HURSH, TIFFIN GOODMAN, BOB WUOTILA, CHUCK JOINER, DON STEPHENS, CINDY BAKER AND JEFF DIXON.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: JOANN & JOHN BITTINGER, KAYLA SARGENT, FRED & MARLENE CLYDE, JOANN SMITH, SCOTT GRANSE, RICK & KATHY BRUYA, BONNIE & STAN MEEK, CARY & JENNIFER DAVIDSON.

Welcome and Introductions:

Community Services Manager Duanna Richards opened the meeting with introductions of staff. Mayor Lewis facilitated the audience participation portion of the meeting and discussed the following topics:

Block Watch –

- Kathy Bruya volunteered to head up a Block Watch effort in the neighborhood.

Stop Sign –

- The following members of the neighborhood were interested in having a stop sign at the corner of K & 5th Street: Bonni & Stan Meek, Rick & Kathy Bruya, Fred & Marlene Clyde.

Sidewalks & Curbs & Parking –

- It is the neighborhood's responsibility or developer of a neighborhood to install sidewalks.
- The street sweeper cannot adequately clean the street because there are too many cars parked everywhere.
- Angle parking may be a possibility to help with the overflow from the park.
- It was mentioned there are too many junior football teams practicing at once which creates parking issues. It may be possible to require permits to use the park for teams and limit the number issued (4-8 teams) to ensure the parking is not an issue for the neighborhood.

Speeding –

- Neighbors are interested to find out what they need to do to reduce the speed limit outside the park.
- Neighbors voiced they would like to have the speed bumps become permanent, but there are currently too high.
- Reports of drag racing on 4th ... "up to 70mph". The Police Dept. is working with the School District about this and several other issues.

Park –

- Inquired about signage indicating no climbing on the basketball hoops.
- Gates need to be closed every night so people can't drive into the park.
- Lighting in the parking lot is limited and needs to be increased.
- July 4th fireworks are still an issue in the park.

Garbage Service –

- Garbage service is required; neighbors spoke about a couple of properties that let garbage build up. Code enforcement was present at the meeting and will check on the addresses that were given to them at the meeting.

Noise –

- There is a neighbor at 1110 5th St. NE who has large outside parties with live band music frequently. Neighbors wanted to know what they could do to stop that from happening. Staff informed the group there is a Noise Ordinance between 10pm and 7am. If there are issues other than during these times neighbors should call 911. Staff will check to see if there has been any temporary use permits issued at this location.

Vandalizing -

- At the corner of 5th & K Street there have been issues.

Trees -

- There was discussion around removing the cotton wood trees – neighbors were glad to hear they would be removed.

Grants -

- Michael Hursh spoke about the opportunities for neighborhood grants and answered questions that residents had.
- Beautification of the neighborhood was an interest. The group asked for a list of past projects from Mr. Hursh.
 - Requires matching funds of \$5,000. Volunteer hours can be documented at \$10 an hour and be used towards the match. The program gives out five \$5,000 grants a year for a total of \$25,000.